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Mr. Stephenson is a 1973 graduate of the United States Naval Academy. Following completion of Naval Nuclear Power School and Submarine School, Mr. Stephenson was assigned to *USS Sam Houston (SSBN 609) (Blue)*. Mr. Stephenson completed the ship's refueling overhaul, post overhaul shakedown operations and four deterrent patrols in the Western Pacific. Qualified as a Chief Engineer of a Nuclear Propulsion Plant, Mr. Stephenson then served at Commander Submarine Force Pacific Fleet as a command center watch officer, local operations officer, and as the first Shore Targeting Terminal Officer.

Mr. Stephenson left active duty in 1980, and was commissioned in the Naval Reserve. Following department head and executive officer tours in the submarine reserve program, he commanded the reserve detachments of COMSUBRON SEVEN, and the reserve units at COMPACFLT and USPACOM. Mr. Stephenson retired from the Navy Reserve after 30 years of active and reserve service in 2003. His military awards include the Legion of Merit, Navy Meritorious Service Medal (2) and Navy Commendation Medal.

In his civilian career, Mr. Stephenson initially worked at COMSUBPAC as the lead analyst and action officer for the submarine launched TOMAHAWK Cruise Missile and the COMBAT CONTROL SYSTEM MK I. Mr. Stephenson was responsible for the development of tactics techniques and procedures for submarine launched cruise missiles. He has hired by the Naval Oceans Systems Center in 1985 and worked to develop the Force OTH-T Track Coordinator Concept. Mr. Stephenson deployed to Saudi Arabia in 1990 to provide on site engineering support for Commander Naval Forces Central Command during Operation Desert Storm. Upon his return, Mr. Stephenson served as the Navy lead engineer for the Joint Warfighter Interoperability Demonstrations from 1992 to 1997. These experiments lead to the successful demonstration of internet protocol connectivity to ships. Mr. Stephenson was detailed to COMPACFLT in 1998 to assist in the development of the IT-21 program. In 1999 he was designated as the lead engineer for the SPAWAR Fleet Systems Engineering Team. Mr. Stephenson again deployed to the Middle East in 2001 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom in

2003. Mr. Stephenson worked Navy efforts to improve coalition interoperability, which lead to the development and deployment of the CENTRIXS system.

Promoted to SES in July 2005, Mr. Stephenson serves as the Chief Technology Officer for C4ISR operations. He remains as the lead Fleet Systems Engineer. Mr Stephenson is also the Technical Director for Joint Task Force 519, and the senior technical advisor to COMPACFLT N6.

Mr Stephenson's personal awards include the include Navy Superior Civilian Service Award (2), Navy Civilian Meritorious Service Award. Lauritson/Bennett Award for Excellence in Engineering, Vice Presidential Award for Acquisition Reform (Group), CNO Copernicus Award (2005) DON CIO E-GOV Award (2004) (Group), Special Commendation for DESERT SHIELD/DESERT STORM Support, Various DISA/CNO/SPAWAR/NOSC individual and group achievement awards.